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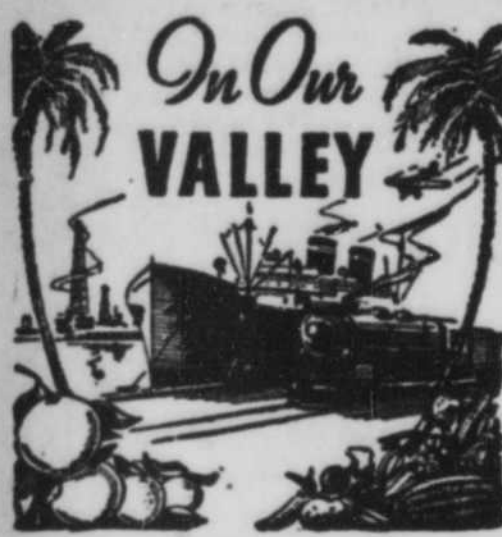
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HIT-RUN AUTOMOBILE DRIVER HUNTED



On Our Valley

By RALPH L. BUELL
THE ONLY WAY WE CAN explain it is that it must be a gift with I. A. Patton of McAllen—

One of the jefes of the insurance game in the Valley.

It happened that Mr. Patton came to Brownsville Thursday and attended the weekly luncheon of the Brownsville Kiwanis club.

As a presumably unprejudiced guest, he was asked to make the drawing of names for the weekly attendance prize.

He drew—

And the fifth and lucky name he plucked from the hat was—

That of Si Graham, whose guest Mr. Patton happened to be!

As we said in the beginning, it must be a gift!

J. H. A. WRITES IN FROM SAN Benito, that by offering to pay five cents for a correct solution of this column's little puzzle about the cats and mice—

On condition that those submitting an incorrect solution pay him five cents—

He netted a tidy little sum.

We don't want to be used as a basis for a "numbers" game or anything like that—

But we will give you the problem given us by J. H. A.—

With the understanding that it's just once in a while that we will bother you with these brain twisters—

Of which there are hordes and evoes.

Here's his problem:

If a hen and a half lays an egg and a half in a day and a half—

How many eggs will six hens lay in three days?

STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT is soon going to print with a brand new and entirely up to date road map of Texas.

So E. J. Amey, executive assistant, tells us while in Brownsville.

It will be a nice piece of work, says he, three colors and everything—

While on the reverse side are carried a bunch of pictures taken in various parts of the state.

One of the featured pieces of scenery is that glimpse of a Valley girl about to hoist a tarpon from the waters of the mouth of the Rio Grande.

These maps, coming out during the Centennial year, will have a wide distribution among strangers to the state—

Which makes the publicity given the Valley all the more valuable.

THE COLERS, PERRY AND CAROLINE, complete their eighth year as publisher and editor, respectively, of the Alamo News.

You who read that interesting and constructive eight page weekly newspaper—

Will never know how it gets that way until you give yourselves the pleasure of dropping in on the Colers—

In their Alamo (and the News building really was built to look like the Alamo) place of business.

NEW YORK TIMES OF LAST Sunday headed its "Travel and Resort" section—

With an eight column picture layout featuring the Texas Centennial—

Followed by a two column story of the Centennial.

Brownsville's port celebration and the Texas Citrus Fiesta at Mission drew prominent mention in the yarn.

We keep on telling you that this Centennial is really going to mean something to the Valley!

"DRIVE AROUND THE COUNTRY a bit, and if you have the blues, you'll come back yodeling like a Swas cowboy!"

That's the piece of advice given us the other day.

Crops are looking just fine, is the unanimous expression of those who know their crops.

A good winter season is most evidently about to be followed by a good spring and summer crop.

With fair prices in prospect.

Don't let the calamity howlers get you down—

Things are better than they have been for the past five years—

And are going to be better still.

INCIDENTALLY, THAT'S A FINE tune those riveters are playing out there at the Brownsville turning basin.

Valley To Get State's Largest Canning Plant

FIRM PICKS PLANT SITE IN HIDALGO

Cans Also Will Be Manufactured By Corporation; Job To Be Rushed

(Special To The Herald)

McALLEN, March 6.—The largest and most modern canning plant in Texas will be constructed between here and Mission by the Riona Products Corporation, it was announced here Friday by Lee Akin, manager of the concern.

The plant, which will be constructed of brick on a plot equivalent to 12 city blocks, will be ready for business next season, Akin announced.

The Riona Corporation now operates plants at McAllen and Mission, but the increased demand and steady growth of the concern made it necessary for the huge undertaking near here, Akin said.

The firm manager estimates that the new plant will cost in excess of \$150,000.

With its years of experience in the Valley field thoroughly acquainting its executives with the ideal plant for this section, the Riona Corporation plans to make the new enterprise a model plant in addition to being the largest in the state, the manager asserted.

In addition to canning fruit juices and all kinds of vegetables, the concern will incorporate a can factory in the new undertaking, according to present plans.

Construction will get under way well in advance of the next vegetable rush, Akin said, and the plant will be ready for business at the opening of the rush season.

The Riona Products Corporation is one of the best known concerns in South Texas, doing a large business in canned goods throughout the midwest and eastern seaboard.

ITALY-GERMANY DRAWN CLOSER

Slaying of British Officer By Bomb in Africa Is Viewed Gravely

(By The Associated Press)

Suggestions in Berlin that Germany may denounce the Locarno treaty gave a gravely important angle Friday to the Italo-Ethiopian war.

It was hinted that Germany might be joined in her attitude by Italy. Premier Mussolini's nation is growing increasingly resentful of the restrictions and sanctions which have been placed against her by the League of Nations.

Both nations are signatories of the Locarno Pact, which binds them and France, Great Britain, and Belgium to repel mutually any aggression by another signatory.

Reichsfuehrer Hitler previously declared he had no intention of abrogating the Locarno instrument. But now it is suggested that the prospect of Italy's friendship, with a resulting central Europe entente of Germany, Italy, and their "buffer" friend, Austria, may cause him to change his mind.

Another possible repercussion from (See WAR on Page Six)

Funeral Is Held For Nixon Broome

(Special To The Herald)

MISSION, March 6.—Services for Nixon Broome, 39, were held Thursday afternoon at the Kreidler Funeral home chapel, with interment in the Mission cemetery. Rev. N. P. Neal of the Methodist church officiated.

Mr. Broome was an ex-service man. He came to Mission about two years ago and was living at the home of his sister, Mrs. T. E. Wiltshire.

Survivors include a daughter, Erma Broome, of Greenwood, Miss.; four sisters, Mrs. T. E. Wiltshire, Mission, Mrs. W. H. Jordan, McAllen, Mrs. E. E. Wiltshire, Carrollton, Miss., Miss. Marcelline Broome, Dallas, and Jessie F. Broome, a brother, Edinburg.

Valley Traffic Toll for 1936

Deaths 9

Injuries 85

Accidents ... 61

FEBRUARY WAS COLDEST HERE FOR 31 YEARS

The past February was the coldest in 31 years and most Valley people are ready to believe it without taking the word of the Brownsville Weather Bureau, which has the records, to prove it.

A mean temperature of 58.4 degrees was registered the past month and this is the lowest since a mean of 52.8 degrees, an all time record for the Valley, was set in 1905. Compared to the sub-zero temperatures in the north and in some other winter resorts, the Valley was still the warm spot of the nation.

The warmest February on record in the Valley was in 1932 when (See WEATHER on Page Six)

STRIKE MOVES INTO HOTELS

Kitchens, Dining Rooms Affected In Gotham Walk-Out

NEW YORK, March 6. (P)—Hotel workers were called away from their jobs Friday in support of the building employees strike which strike leaders prepared to extend to Manhattan's important Grand Central zone, Brooklyn and Queens before nightfall.

The first hotels affected by strike orders were the Barbizon-Plaza and the Hotel Windsor, both on 58th street on the near west-side.

Strike leaders said that 30 employees left the Barbizon-Plaza and 35 were called out of the Windsor.

The action came shortly after Chris Houlahan, president of the Hotel Workers Union, left his offices with the announcement that he would "pull" the hotels.

The hotel workers union is a subsidiary of the Building Service Employees union which is conducting the strike.

The "general strike" threat voiced earlier in the week by James J. Bambrick, head of the Building Service Employees union, received a measure of support from Paul N. Coulcher, secretary-treasurer of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees union.

Coulcher announced that 5,000 kitchen and dining room workers in 100 hotels would join the picket lines of the striking workers.

With the strike spreading, the (See STRIKE on Page Six)

School Ouster Brings On Political Muddle

ALAMEDA, Calif., March 6. (P)—Alameda's high school student strike in protest against dismissal of School Superintendent William Paden, threatened civil turmoil Friday.

A move to recall the mayor and two councilmen responsible for the ousting of Paden was instituted at a mass meeting Thursday night. Strikers estimated 10,000 were at the meeting.

Reports were circulated of contemplated "physical seizure" of city offices. A grand jury investigation was demanded. Police were ordered to halt "intimidation and picketing" at once.

Two More Negroes Held In Slaying

DALLAS, March 6. (P)—Two negroes, named by Elmer Pruitt, 22, as accomplices in the brutal slaying of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. German at their home near Athens Sept. 25, were held here Friday.

Both denied guilt, although Sheriff Jess Sweeten of Henderson county said they had been named in a written statement made by Pruitt, who is charged with murder.

The aged Athens couple was slugged to death by robbers and their bodies were burned.

Germany Prepares for War—Third Reich Likely to Be Real Winner When Finis Finally Is Written to Mussolini's Invasion of Ethiopia, Observer Believes.

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of three dispatches by members of the Associated Press Berlin bureau on the situation in Germany. Today's story describes Germany's reaction to the Italo-Ethiopian war. The third, by Chief of Bureau Louis F. Lochner, will tell of the Reich's prospects for the future.)

By WADE WERNER (Associated Press Foreign Staff)

BERLIN, March 6. (P)—Germany, no longer a member of the League of Nations, is nevertheless watching Geneva's attempts to settle the Italo-Ethiopian war with interest as great as though she were directly involved.

Optimists at the Wilhelmstrasse believe that when the war is over, Germany will prove the real winner.

The international anxieties involved in this question had a lot to do with Geneva's attempt to prevent the war; and now that it attempts to prevent it or to bring it to an early end have thus far failed, the anxieties show no signs of diminishing.

Official Germany, while stressing from the first its absolute neutrality toward the conflict, has never vigorously denied that in the long run the African war might turn out to have been a good thing for the Third Reich.

DELINQUENT TAX SLASHES CONSIDERED

Legality Of Plans Are Discussed By Chiefs Of Cameron; Action Expected Soon

(Special To The Herald)

The legality of proposed plans for offering reductions to taxpayers who are delinquent was discussed by the Cameron county commissioners' court Friday with Assessor-Collector R. T. Agar taking the lead.

Agar declared that reductions are being granted Hidalgo and Willacy taxpayers by various methods and that Cameron county taxpayers are being advised against paying their delinquent taxes.

'Roll Is Growing

"If we could collect the delinquent taxes we would have enough money to operate the county for three years," Agar told the court, "and the delinquent roll is continuing to grow each year. Something must be done to reduce these delinquent taxes."

He proposed that the county file six or more delinquent tax suits and that the owners contest the suits on grounds that their property was carried at too high assessment.

(See TAXES on Page Six)

'REDS' GRANTED TIME ON RADIO

Storm of Protest Arises When Columbia Turns Speaker On Air

NEW YORK, March 6. (P)—A storm of protest Friday enveloped the granting of free radio time to the Communist Party of America for a discussion of political problems.

Earl Browder, secretary of the party, as he spoke on a coast-to-coast Columbia hook-up, was picketed by 100 flag bearing persons and snubbed by a New England network.

He also had been told his speech would be cut off the air if he deviated from his prepared manuscript by so much as one word.

Browder was offered the facilities as part of the broadcasting company's program of sponsoring discussion by all recognized political parties.

He urged farmers, laborers and the "middle class" to unite in a third party.

Seven New England radio stations refused to broadcast the speech. They substituted dance music.

Although they refused to broadcast the original speech, Friday night they will transmit an address in rebuttal by Representative Hamilton Fish (R-NY).

DONNA MAN TO HEAD BOARD

C. S. Clark Is Chairman Of State Water Engineers

AUSTIN, March 5. (P)—C. S. Clark of Donna Thursday became chairman of the board of water engineers, succeeding John A. Norris, who resigned to become general manager of the Brazos River Conservation district.

John Pritchett of Austin, formerly Norris' assistant, succeeded him as a member under appointment by Governor Allred. The third member is A. H. Dunlap of Barstow.

180 Heroes of Alamo Paid Homage By Texans on 100th Anniversary

All-Day Services Held At Historic Shrine; Thousands Of Others Re-Read One of History's Great Battles

SAN ANTONIO, March 6. (P)—Millions of Texans remembered the Alamo Friday and the 180 heroes who died within its gray stone walls 100 years ago.

Thousands came together at the historic shrine in the heart of modern San Antonio to render homage to the immortals who laid down their lives in the struggle against Mexican oppression.

Other thousands re-read with patriotic fervor the story of one of the great battles of American history.

All-day services, climaxed with a roll call of the dead and participated in by two governors, were arranged and almost everywhere made to show the state's gratitude to its immortals.

The day was a high point of a period teeming with historical interest. Four days previously, the signing of the Declaration of Independence from Mexico was celebrated at the ancient state capital on the Brazos. Next month, on April 21, the victory of the Texans over the Mexicans at San Jacinto, one of the decisive battles of the world, will be commemorated.

Unusual observances have been planned throughout this year, the Centennial of Texas Independence, and will extend until next fall, centering on a great exposition at Dallas beginning in June.

Governor James V. Allred of Texas and Governor Hill McAllister of Tennessee, where one of the Texas heroes, General Sam Houston, made his home many years, headed the notables who came to the tiny Franciscan mission.

The Texas governor was designated to read the roll of the men who died in the Alamo, and Governor McAllister to present a flag of Tennessee for hanging in the ancient chapel. Ceremonies also called for presentation of flags from 20 other states and six foreign countries, sons of which were named on the roll.

Governor George Earle of Pennsylvania sent two members of his staff, Lieutenant Commander Joseph A. Cunningham and Major Wilson H. Stephens, to present the flag of that state.

Other states and representatives for the flag ceremony included: Mrs. Oretta Hobby of Houston, representing Texas; Captain George O. Riggs of San Antonio, representing Connecticut; Brigadier General James E. Chaney, commander of the Texas National Guard.

Other dignitaries in the gallery scattered for cover but Wilson remained in his seat and watched the struggle on the floor below him with a serious expression on his face.

Several other deputies whipped out pistols but none of them fired. The assassin was Damian Armatovich. He was taken into custody by gendarmes.

Man Is Sentenced On Swindling Count (Special To The Herald)

EDINBURG, March 6.—Tom Young, convicted of swindling, was sentenced to serve not less than two or more than 10 years in the penitentiary here Friday by District Judge Bennett.

The state charged that Young gave a "hot check" to a Mission citrus association in payment for fruit. He pleaded guilty.

Townsendites Meet (Special To The Herald)

SAN BENITO, March 6.—M. O. Harper, Oklahoma, was the principal speaker at a joint meeting of all San Benito units of the Townsend Old Age Pension plan Thursday night in the high school auditorium. Approximately 200 were present.

Harper spoke against the opposers of the Townsend plan and also outlined the plan's advantages.

Following Harper's address, A. E. Lindeen spoke to the younger persons' unit of the clubs.

Wire Flashes OKLAHOMA CITY, (P)—A \$4-000,000 damage suit was threatened by Governor Marland Friday against Oklahoma City, its councilmen and their bondsmen for refusal to permit the state to drill oil wells on state property near the capital.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The senate military committee Friday voted 14 to 2 against the proposed investigation of the removal of Major General Johnson Hagood from command of the Eighth Corps Area for criticizing federal spending.

CORRECTION The advertisement that appeared in Thursday's Herald for the J. & P. Coats Thread company, announcing the closing date of their \$10,000 contest was mis-scheduled. It should have been published in The Herald on March 26, announcing the closing date as March 31. The correct advertisement for J. & P. Coats appears on page 5 of today's Herald and gives complete details of the contest.

FAIRBANKS AND LADY ASHLEY TO HASTEN WEDDING

PARIS, March 6. (P)—Douglas Fairbanks was assured by authorities Friday that he and Lady Ashley can get married without complying with the law's requirements that banns must be published 11 days in advance of the ceremony.

Fairbanks' attorney, Mlle. Suzanne Blum, who is secretary to Joseph Paul-Boncour, minister of state without portfolio, induced the state's attorney to waive the usual requirements.

Fairbanks' reason for haste was given as his desire to go to China immediately to make a film play the adventures of Marco Polo and take Lady Ashley with him as his wife.

The official said he believed work could be started by March 15 but a title suit filed during the past week will necessitate the additional delay.

The drilling announcement comes after more than a year of leasing activity by C. W. Gillette in the western portion of Willacy county and altogether the holdings of the four companies are in excess of 26,000 acres. Much of the land is in the salt lake section northwest of Raymondville.

The new allowables will permit production of 5,660 barrels of oil daily, approximately 700 barrels more than the previous high allowance and about 1,000 barrels per day more than the February allowance.

The gross increase permitted under the March proration schedule is 625 barrels daily while reductions in allowables in two fields reduce the net increase to 600 barrels daily.

Approximately 215 wells are on production in the seven Valley fields in Hidalgo and Starr counties. Two fields were given increases for March, two were given decreases and three were unchanged. The schedule follows by fields, listing the number of wells and the March allowable in respective order:

Barbecos (Starr), 2 wells and 16 barrels, unchanged; Guerra (Starr), 11 and 42, increase 40; Los Olmos (Starr), 65 and 137, decrease 1; Mercedes (Hidalgo), 3 and 165, unchanged; Rio Grande City, (Starr), 15 and 40, decrease 24; Roma (Starr), 1 and 3, unchanged; Sanfordville (Hidalgo-Starr), 118 and 4,686, increase 585; totals for seven Valley fields, 215 wells and 5,659 barrels daily.

A daily allowable of 206 million (See OIL on Page Six)

WILLACY WELL TO BE DRILLED 26,000 Acres Leased By Four Companies In County (Special To The Herald)

RAYMONDVILLE, March 6.—Drilling will be started prior to April 1 on the first of three wells west of Raymondville, according to information given out this week by an official representing the Shell Oil company, the C. W. Gillette company of Tulsa, Okla., the California Oil company, and the Dyak Oil company, all interested in large holdings extending from the city limits of Raymondville west to the Willacy county line.

Location of the well was not revealed, but it was learned that it is proposed to drill to 9,200 feet if necessary. The California Oil company has the drilling contract for the three wells, all of which have a contract depth of 9,200 feet, but they will not be drilled simultaneously.

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Young Wife Charged In Man's Shooting

UVALDE, March 6. (P)—Charges of murder were filed here Friday against Mrs. Elizabeth Dickens, 16, of Crystal City, in connection with the shooting Wednesday night of Eduardo Rodriguez, butcher, near here.

VICTIM LEFT BADLY HURT ON HIGHWAY

San Juan Man Struck Down, Leg Broken And Internal Hurts Are Feared

(Special To The Herald)

EDINBURG, March 6.—A hit-and-run driver was sought by Hidalgo authorities Friday as the Valley's 96th traffic accident victim in two months and six days lay critically injured in an Edinburg hospital.

The victim, Edward Martin of San Juan, suffered a broken leg and possible internal injuries when he was struck down Thursday night on the highway near the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo school.

Martin had just alighted from his car when an automobile struck him and knocked him to the pavement. Hidalgo county officers were told.

Officers said the car that struck him stopped, and then drove away without its occupants attempting to assist the injured man.

In spite of a Valley-wide campaign for safe driving, nine persons have been killed, 36 have been injured and 62 accidents have been reported since January 1.

State Will Repair McAllen South Road